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Nuria Fernandez  
Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

I request your careful consideration of Everett Transit's application for \$8.9 million in funding through the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program.

Everett Transit seeks funding to continue its vital transportation services while also reducing hazardous emissions. Funds from this grant would replace Everett Transit's 10 diesel buses already beyond their service life with 10 new, fully electric buses. This would make Everett Transit's fleet 71% electric and 24% hybrid electric, leaving only two diesel buses.

Air pollution is a significant hazard in Everett Transit's service area. According to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, South Everett and Downtown Everett were both listed in the top fifteen Puget Sound communities impacted by degraded air quality, and they were the top two communities in Snohomish County. Replacing the buses would help Everett meet its goal of reducing transit emissions as outlined in its Climate Action Plan<sup>1</sup> and support the Climate Commitment Act<sup>2</sup> Governor Inslee signed into law in May. This grant program would allow residents of Everett and the Second District to enjoy enduring health benefits for years to come.

For these reasons, I ask that you give full and fair consideration to Everett Transit's application for funding through the Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Rick Larsen  
U.S. Representative  
Washington State, Second District

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.everettwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/23797/Everett-Climate-Action-Plan-January-2020>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Climate-change/Reducing-greenhouse-gases/Climate-Commitment-Act>